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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 12 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

3 p.m. 36th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/53/298/Add.1) [8].

2. Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3rd meeting Conference Room 4

1. Statement by the Secretary-General

2. General debate:

Mexico
Austria (on behalf of the European Union)
Fiji
South Africa*
Bangladesh
Malaysia
Colombia
Myanmar

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

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* South Africa will make a statement on its own behalf, *not* on behalf of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries. The announcement that appeared in the *Journal* on Friday, 9 October, was a technical error.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 4

Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90:

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-VIII), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII, A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III)); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 2

Panel discussion on the "State of the World Economy" [Panellists: Mr. Shafiq Islam, President, BRN Associates, Dr. Arturo O'Connell, Director, Centre for International Economy, Argentina, and Prof. Jan Kregel, The Johns Hopkins University, Italy]

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting (continued)	Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

General discussion (continued)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 2

Macroeconomic policy questions [91] (A/53/60, A/53/62, A/53/69, A/53/185)

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries (A/53/228, A/53/398)

(d) External debt crisis and development (A/53/373, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311)

General discussion (concluded)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	9th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [101] (A/53/3*, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/380, A/53/381, A/53/416, A/C.3/53/L.2, L.3 and L.4)

2. International drug control [102] (A/53/3*, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/129-E/1998/58, A/53/204, A/53/371-S/1998/848, A/53/382, A/53/383, A/53/416)

Continuation of general discussion

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* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

First report: activities of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly (A/53/7)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

Analysis of savings resulting from the improved overall cost-effectiveness achieved pursuant to the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, including the restructuring of the intergovernmental machinery and the reform of the secretariat, as requested by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/220 of 22 December 1997 and proposals pursuant to General Assembly decision 54/462 of 31 March 1998

Action on draft resolution A/C.5/53/L.6

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

Administrative arrangements for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO

Action on draft decision A/C.5/53/L.7

4. Programme planning [114] (A/53/6 (Prog.1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13/Rev.1, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23 and Corr.1 and Corr.2 (French only), 24 and Corr.1, 26, 27 and 28), A/53/16, A/53/90, A/53/122 and Add.1, A/53/133 and Corr.1 (Spanish only) and A/53/134)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 112 and 119 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; Human resources management: Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/53/56 and A/53/417))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 143 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Support Account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418))

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* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Organization of work: election of Vice-Chairmen and Rapporteur (A/C.6/53/L.1)

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-first session [151] (A/53/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia

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INTERNATIONAL SEABED AUTHORITY

ASSEMBLY

Fourth session
(Third part)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	61st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 12 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Item 91 (d): draft resolution on the external debt crisis and development)

9.30 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(Core Group/Coordinators for item 95 (Operational activities for development))

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on the implementation of the outcome for the World Summit for Social Development (A/53/210))

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

* Following the briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in *Conference Room 1* on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 13 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 4

General debate *(continued)*:

Canada
Pakistan
Brazil
Algeria
Indonesia
Japan
Switzerland
Australia
Republic of Korea

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 2

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	10th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	11th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 4

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Briefing

The Bureau of the Second Committee wishes to invite all interested delegations, non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and press to the briefing on "Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPCs) and the external debt crisis" by Mr. Axel Van Trotsenberg, Manager, HIPC Unit (World Bank), and Mr. Allan MacArthur, Deputy Division Chief, Official Financing Operations Division (International Monetary Fund), on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "United Nations Development Assistance Framework" will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. James Gustave Speth, Administrator, UNDP, Dr. Nafis Sadik, Executive Director, UNFPA, Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, UNICEF, and Mr. John Powell, Director, Strategy and Policy Division, WFP. This panel is organized with the generous support of the United Nations Development Group Office.

A panel discussion on "Building National Capacities: Some Lessons" will be held on Thursday, 15 October 1998, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Rajaona Andriamananjara, Director, IMATEP, Madagascar, Mr. Peter Morgan, senior consultant on capacity-building, Mr. Eduardo Wiesner, former Minister of Finance of Colombia and Executive Director of IBRD, and Mr. Roger Maconick, Coordinator of Impact Evaluation, DCPB/DESA.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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The Group of 77 of the Second Committee will meet on draft resolutions under item 91 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resource between developing and developed countries (General Assembly resolutions 52/179 and 52/180) on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

There will be a briefing for all interested delegations, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on a draft resolution (Towards a Nuclear Weapon Free World: The Need for a New Agenda) on Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 9 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

34th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871) [164]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burkina Faso, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Argentina, Malaysia, Algeria, India, Ukraine, Bangladesh, China, Kuwait, the Republic of Korea, Egypt and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

35th plenary meeting

Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/871) [164]

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia, Lesotho, the United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia, Japan, Brazil, Senegal, Yemen, South Africa, the United States, the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Norway, the United Arab Emirates, Chile, Swaziland, and Kenya.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 5th meeting

Election of a Vice-Chairman

Upon nomination by the Western European and Other States Group and in accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Ferden Çarikçl (Turkey) as Vice-Chairman.

A statement was made by the representative of Turkey.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [18]

Question of Western Sahara

On the basis of decisions taken at the 4th meeting, the Committee heard statements by Mr. Michael Bhatia, research assistant, Brown University (A/C.4/53/4), and Mr. Ahmed Boukhari, Polisario Front (A/C.4/53/4/Add.1).

Mr. Bhatia replied to questions posed to him by the representative of Morocco.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 87, 88, 89 and 12 and 90

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Zimbabwe, Cuba, Australia, the United States, Kenya, Pakistan, New Zealand, Iraq, Bahrain, India, Singapore, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nigeria and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

The representative of Papua New Guinea made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 7th meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Singapore, Zimbabwe, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Nicaragua, Malta, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Ghana.

The representative of the International Monetary Fund also made a statement.

8th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(b) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

(d) External debt crisis and development

The Committee began consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

The Officer-in-charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and the associated country Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), Brazil (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay), Bangladesh, the United States, Norway, India, Honduras (also on behalf of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Panama), Tunisia and Panama (also on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guyana).

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs responded to questions raised.

THIRD COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [101]

International drug control [102]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nepal, Cuba, Jordan, China, Israel, Senegal, Guinea and El Salvador (also on behalf of Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama).

A statement was also made by the representative of UNICEF.

8th meeting

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Peru, Benin, Israel, the Sudan, Algeria, Colombia, Bolivia, the Republic of Korea and Argentina.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 9 OCTOBER 1998

505th meeting

The Committee adopted its draft report.

The Chairman then declared the nineteenth session of the Committee closed.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

Ratification: Guinea (8 October 1998)*

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction. Paris, 13 January 1993

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Accession: Zambia (7 October 1998)*

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. New York, 9 May 1992

Ratification: Dominican Republic (7 October 1998)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Panama (7 October 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

On Tuesday, 13 October 1998, at 3 p.m., outside the Meditation Room, the Secretary-General will unveil a bust of Count Folke Bernadotte, the United Nations Mediator in Palestine, as a tribute to the Count from the Organization, on the fiftieth anniversary of his assassination. His Majesty King Carl XVI Gustav, head of the Bernadotte family, will be present at the unveiling, together with Her Majesty the Queen.

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International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

The Drew University Choir and an artistic presentation by children of the Tapori Movement will mark the commemoration of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the theme "Standing Up for Human Rights in Partnership with the Poorest". This ceremony, co-sponsored by the Department for Social and Economic Affairs/Division for Social Policy and Development, and in collaboration with the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization, will be held on Friday, 16 October 1998, from 12.45 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. in the United Nations gardens. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Electronic information

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretariat building until 16 October 1998.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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